

Bill left Meeker to attend Colorado State University, returning with his wife Diane (Franklin) Dunham to raise their two children. He has been active in serving the people of his hometown ever since, spending the last thirteen years as a member of the Town Council. Bill is also a Water Commissioner for the State of Colorado, as well as a past president of the Farm Bureau and Stock Growers Association.

During his time as Mayor, Bill led Meeker through a series of improvement projects including major renovations to the Sulphur Creek drainage way, the replacement of the 10th Street Bridge, and the acquisition of a new building to serve as Town Hall. However, Bill's term as Mayor will be remembered not only for the physical improvements he made to the Town of Meeker, but also for the devotion he so evidently had for the community. That devotion was rewarded when he was chosen to represent Meeker in his capacity as Chairman for Associated Governments of Northwestern Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to bring to the attention of this body of Congress a man whose love for his hometown, and whose willingness to sacrifice in its service is an inspiration to those who have lived in his community. As a public servant, Bill Dunham's time on the Town Council, including his six years as Mayor, has been an inspirational example to those of us who serve our nation in elective office. It is with gratitude for his time of service to Meeker that I recognize Bill Dunham's ongoing devotion to the people and town that he loves.

TRIBUTE TO MS. LOUELLA C.
ALLEN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2002

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to pay tribute to Ms. Louella C. Allen, a native of Canton, MS. Ms. Allen has done numerous deeds for her community and still continues today.

Ms. Allen has been a dedicated teacher at Linwood Schools (Yazoo County) for more than 13 years and has served diligently for the betterment of ones around her and also her community. Ms. Allen is an active member of the Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church where she serves as Youth Department Director. She is also an active participant in her church's choir.

Ms. Allen is a good mother, who is greatly admired by her children, peers, and coworkers. Ms. Allen is truly the epitome for what a "role model" should be. She serve in such capacities which consist of leader, advisor, guide, and inspirer. She has and always will touch the lives of the people around her.

Ms. Allen is the driving force for the successful paths of many citizens in my District. She should truly be thanked. Her strength and leadership have been the main reason why this single mother's children have done as well as they have. Her early teachings gave her daughter the will and determination to receive her Masters from the Alcorn State University in Administration, and her oldest son, the sound mind to finish his Bachelors Degree in

Computer Networking and her youngest, the insight to become an intern in my Washington office who will attend The University of Southern Mississippi.

REVEALING "DEMAGOGUERY-BY-
NUMBERS"

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2002

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member wishes to commend to his colleagues an editorial from the June 18, 2002, edition of the Omaha World Herald entitled "Honest Accounting of Casualties."

While Americans certainly have the right to express their views on the current war on terrorism, they also have a responsibility to use accurate facts when conveying their positions.

HONEST ACCOUNTING OF CASUALTIES

The Los Angeles Times has performed an extensive study of civilian casualties in Afghanistan and concluded that the dead numbered between 1,067 and 1,201. Every such death is uniquely regrettable, but that's significantly below numbers offered by critics of the U.S. military action last year, such as the 3,700 figure cited in one much-ballyhooed report last winter.

During the U.S. bombing campaign, at least one anti-war Web site included a graph that showed the alleged number of Afghan civilian dead climbing day by day to equal and then surpass the 3,000-plus casualties of 9/11. Analyses by the L.A. Times and other news organizations have now exposed that claim as baseless.

Even worse was the claim of 10,000 casualties put forward by cartoonist/commentator Ted Rall in an April 17 opinion column.

Matt Welch, a Los Angeles-based commentator, is on the mark when he says, "This continues to be an interesting litmus test for the anti-war movement's sense of peer review and fidelity to facts."

The analysis by the Los Angeles Times underscores how the U.S. military went to enormous lengths last year to minimize harm to Afghan civilians. That fact illustrates the vast moral difference that separated the American bomber pilots from the al-Qaida hijackers of 9/11.

A minority of Nebraskans and Americans continues to voice sincere opposition to action by the U.S. military. Room should be made for their dissenting voices. Some of their colleagues in the anti-war camp, however, have discredited themselves on the issue of civilian casualties. It is appropriate that their demagoguery-by-numbers has been revealed for the sham it was.

RECOGNITION OF KYRIN
CHRISTIAN RUTH

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2002

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in recognition of Kyrin Christian Ruth of Fenton, Michigan. This young boy demonstrated incredible courage and maturity by taking charge in a crucial moment of emergency, thereby saving the life of his father, Jeffrey A. Ruth.

On the evening of April 5, 2002, Jeffrey A. Ruth suffered a seizure caused by the disorder status epilepticus. Seven year-old Kyrin heard his father's fall from the other room and rushed to his side. Following the procedure taught to him in case of this emergency, Kyrin called 911 and provided them with all of the information necessary to send a response team to the house. As Jeffrey was rushed to the hospital, Kyrin told the police that he and his 5-year old sister could stay with friends across the street until their mother arrived home. Kyrin continued to show amazing presence of mind by calmly phoning their mother who was out of town, and informing her of the evening's events.

Kyrin Ruth is truly an example for all of our young people. His parents prepared him for an emergency, and their training clearly made a difference. I commend Kyrin Christian Ruth of Fenton, Michigan for all of his courage and presence of mind, and call on my colleagues to do the same.

HONORING JUANITA CANNON

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 19, 2002

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, Knoxville's "hugging principal" has retired.

One of our leading educators, Juanita Cannon, has retired after 40 years of outstanding work with young people.

Mrs. Cannon was a teacher for 26 years before becoming a principal.

She taught health, physical education, sociology, and biology and coached tap dancers, cheerleaders, and girls basketball and volleyball teams.

She became known as the "hugging principal" because no one, parents, students, teachers, came to her school without getting a hug.

She could have retired five years ago, but she chose instead to take on one of the toughest assignments in the Knox County School System.

She became principal of the Transition School, overseeing students who had been in criminal trouble or who had been determined to be unruly and out-of-control at other schools.

She said: "When someone would ask me if I worked with criminals, I would say 'Excuse me. I work with young men who made a bad choice. They just got caught. They served their time.'"

She is a woman who knows there is some good even in the worst people and she worked to try to bring out the best in everyone.

Knoxville City Councilman Raleigh Wynn said: "Juanita had a way of getting along with the worst of the worst and the best of the best. She didn't show partiality with people."

She jokingly referred to herself as my spouse since she used my spouse's ticket to the 1993 inauguration of President Clinton.

I want to congratulate her on her retirement and on her 40 years of service to young people.

This Nation is a better place because of the dedication and simple human kindness of Juanita Cannon.